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Hello again gang and welcome to another issue of "AR". The response to the profiles have been great and they are verrry interesting. You'll have fun reading them through the annual and upcoming issues. Don't forget. The annual is available for \$6.00 and will come out in mid December. There is another order form in this ish if you missed the last one. A special note to those that I trade with or get comps for whatever reason, the only people getting comps of the annual are those that are contributing. Sorry but this baby is costing me some bucks. Lined up for the annual are Dave Meltzer who will give us his top ten wrestlers of 1991, Steve Beverly picks the top ten TV matches of the year...Jeff Mullins or one of his kin will grace us with his family's extrodinary (sp) talent....Jeff Bowdren tells us about the plot that WCW has laid for the WWF....Jeff Zinger & J.Z. Travis have their fourth annual G.A.G. awards to lay on us....Dan Reilly tells us about his recent experiences on doing his "Wrestling Talk" radio show in Springfield, MA....John Lanigan goes back to 1985 and his most memorable card which took place outdoors at Three Rivers Stadium and was headlined by a Ric Flair-Magnum T.A. match that went to a one hour draw in a driving rainstorm....K.C. O'Connor gives us his best memories of being part of "Front Row Section D"....Klon does his Xmas wish list....Evan Ginzburg looks at the last MSG card with Piper-Flair on top....And also contributions from Scott Hudson, Mike Terry, Marianne Ryan, Jeff Siegel, and oh, yeah, myself as well. I'll have my top award picks for the year. There will be a couple of live reports, match results, letters, Ramblings, and many reader profiles along with a few cartoons from the mighty quill of John Hitchcock.. Mike Lano looks at some health hazards for the boys.

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*****I need to preface this live report to say that there are a few quotes in here from two women named Julie and Dawn who worked for a radio station that promoted this show. They sat in front of Chris Qualmann & myself and it was pretty outrageous. This is also a new format to save space for the oodles of "Ramblings" in this ish.

LIVE REPORT

INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING ASSOCIATION
Thursday, November 18, 1991

Tampa Sportatorium
Tampa, FL

1) Ron Slinker beat Canadien Bad Boy with a fisherman suplex in 1:20. Bad Boy does a Big Josh gimmick but he's lame. Slinker needs to stay out of the ring. -* 2) Ricky Johnson beat Pat Tanaka on a count out at 3:05. Ricky was managed by his brother Rocky Johnson and Tanaka was managed by Sonny King. Both got a nice beer gut. Tanaka and King started having problems early with Pat telling Sonny to stay out of the match. After a brief flurry of action, Sonny tripped Ricky Johnson coming off the ropes and Tanaka yelled at King and walked out. King and Rocky then had a standoff and it was announced that the following week they would meet in the ring. Glad I missed that one. * It was at this point that Julie hit the first line when she called me a "wrestling bastard" when I was telling her some juice about one of the guys. 3) Dick Slater pinned Buggy McGraw in 6:04 when he kicked the 90 year old Bugser and used the ropes for leverage. Slater is still in good shape for the number of years he has been in this sport. * 4) Kevin Sullivan annihilated Kenny Kendall finishing him off with his hop onto the stomach with his feet. Kevin brutalized Kendall from the opening bell. We had to clear the way as he ran him up the bleachers and smashed his head into the wall and chopped him so Kenny had to take a bump on the bleachers and it was a good one. Great job by Sully. ***½ 5) Pat Tanaka won the ICWA Lightheavyweight title from Jimmy Backlund in 12:55. Backlund was to defend against Jerry Flynn but Pat asked Jerry if he could take his place and he did. Rocker (local guy) Johnny G. Lyons managed Jimmy. Backlund executed a great double arm suplex into a powerbomb. Match was good but I expected better. Lyons yelled to Steve Keirn who was in attendance before leaving for a ten day tour with WWF, "No wonder you got out of here son. It's too tough for you." Steve laughed. Pat won the title when Backlund bumped into Lyons who was on the apron and Tanaka rolled him up. **3/4 6) The Lone Riders (Tex Sallinger & Billy Mack) Mack is a booker

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for FMW. went to a double DQ with the Terminators who are the original Termie and Master Blaster Al Greene. Lone Riders were managed by Sulliavn who pulled out a foreign object and Julie asked, "What's the tampon for?" Time was 15:33. * NOTES: Crowd was about 200 and the building only holds about that so it was packed....Keirn was very inconspicuous as he had a cowboy hat on with his dark hair and beard....During intermission the ring announcer talked about all kinds of names coming to work for the group. His nose grew bigger every time he said someone. Names like Steve Williams, Ron Bass (guess the plant industry is bottoming out), Ivan Koloff, the Malenko Brothers and on and on it went....Dawn asked me to put her on my mailing list. When I told her that I get money for it I told her to plug me on the radio as compensation. She said, "Why don't you plug me in the comfort of my own home." Needless to say, no plugs were exchanged....After the card we went to the bar where I talked with Backlund, Penelope Paradise, and Slater. Look for interviews in the coming issues with Penelope and Backlund. I was going to ask Slater about one but he was "occupied".

 #RAMBLINGS#

Lots of taping news from Titan this week. First from Utica on 11/11 mainly for the Survivors Showdown to be seen on USA on 11/24: Chris Chavis debuted...Chris Walker from the GWF had a tryout beating Brooklyn Brawler... Mountie did a big mic job getting Sgt. Slaughter over and Sarge came out and they got into it...Ted DiBiase regained the million dollar belt from Virgil. After the match, the Repo Man comes to get the belt and whacks Virgil upside the head with it. Tito Santana comes out to make the save. Look for a DiBiase-Tito feud...Roddy Piper beat Hercules with a bulldog...They did an interview announcing that Mr. Perfect is now Flair's technical advisor and will accompany him to the ring. Heenan is now being called Ric's executive consultant...Boss Man and Earthquake went to a double DQ. IRS came to distract BBM, Typhoon and Roberts came out and L.O.D. made the save...Undertaker pinned British Bulldog...Jake beat Mr. Madness (Savage without mask or anything) via DQ when he got caught with a chair...DiBiase over Valentine...Bulldog drew Mountie...Piper beat Flair via DQ in a ** $\frac{1}{2}$ match...Some of the above bouts were dark matches...Now onto Springfield on 11/12 and Superstars taping with other bouts for Prime Time and some dark as well: Del Wilkes (The Patriot from GWF) had a tryout beating Brooklyn Brawler. Poor Pedicino...Owen Hart debuted teaming with Jim Neidhart as the New Foundation...Bret Hart pinned Barbarian...The Prime Time cult hero Jamison was introed and he sits in the front row and is a "good luck charm" for the Bushwhackers...Ric Flair squashed Phil Apollo. He had a new belt that looked like a cheap replica of his old one...Undertaker beat Hacksaw Duggan...Slaughter & Duggan are now a tag team... L.O.D. beat Natural Disasters when Nasties did a run in to cause DQ. Bret Hart & Mountie ran in and then Slaughter & Duggan joined for a mini brawl. Looks like Nasties will feud with the Patriotic team of Slaughter & Duggan. Maybe they'll start billing Nasties from the Netherlands so fans have a right to chant U.S.A....Hogan beat Flair via count out. Fans were split 50/50 for each guy. Now onto New Haven for the Challenge tapings on 11/13: Sorry, this was Superstars and Springfield was Challenge. El Matafor beat Berzerker via DQ. Fuji is still around...Fred Blassie & Mean Gene presented Bret Hart with the wrestler of the year award. No angles or anything. Just a nice presentation...The Mountie had done an interview complaining about the voting the night before in Springfield...Mr. Madness pinned Jake Roberts when Sid Justice (his only appearance in the three shows) came to ringside and distracted Jake... Ric Flair beat Bret Hart via count out. This was taped for Coliseum Video. Good match with terrible finish as both were trying to get back in the ring but Hennig pulled Bret back out and Flair beat the count...Beverly Brothers won a squash and then beat up Jamison until the Whackers made the save.... Undertaker worked the first squash of the tapings to air right before Survivors. No appearance after Turkey Day was taped so assume what you wish...Shawn Michaels worked a tag with Jannetty by himself as he wouldn't tag him in. Looks like final turn will be Turkey Day...Mean Gene announced that at the Royal Rumble the Whackers w/Jamison in their corner will meet Beverlys w/Genius...The last match was Hogan beating Undertaker via DQ in 3:17. After the crowd waited all night for the star, that's all they had him for. I don't know why they ran this before the PPV anyways. Thanks to Dan Reilly for all the info..OTHER RAMBLINGS: WWF started their steroid testing in New Haven but officials from Titan are saying this was done just to see if there is a problem so if someone tests positive, they may not be punished. Stevie Wonder can see there is a problem. (I know, old joke.)....Another wrestler has died as Ripper Collins passed away at the age of 58 this past week. He mainly worked on the West Coast and Hawaii...For those that didn't hear, Dick the Bruiser died on 11/10 from internal bleeding....The Hogan-Flair return match in L.A. only drew 4,500 on 11/15. Hogan won on a count out in only 6:00. Sorry, this is why I have decided to cancel my Wrestlemania plans. This was going to be a one match Wrestlemania and they are killing my interest big time. I much rather go to Atlantic City to see Wrestle War and gamble a little (in both ways)....

Japanese

canvas cavity-des by Michael Lano

"If one person says it, it's a rumor... it two people say it, it's a fact." That brilliant statement is uttered regularly on an early-morning East Coast Radio show and is irresponsible. If I said it, I would want people yelling for my hyde. This radio personality has named WWF names as supposidly "HIV positive." Several months ago, many of us heard the rumors, and yakked about whether they could be true, over the phone with one another.

In light of courageous L.A. Laker, Earvin "Magic" Johnson's announcement of his HIV-positive affliction, I now know what Wade Keller wrote about months ago, in irritation with the hundreds of us even wasting our breath talking about it. The words weren't worth the air they sat upon. Those in Hawaii and in New York who many attribute with initiating the rumors should be ashamed at themselves. I am ashamed I told 3 people what I heard last summer. As a basketball fan, I cried watching Johnson's press conference. Until medical science improves, being HIV positive eventually means you will get full-blown AIDS and die. As a healthcare professional, I am now disgusted with people who judge Johnson or others in a moralistic vein. I heard people say "how did Magic get it- unsafe sex, unsterile needles, bad blood transfusions..." What does it matter how he got it- he simply has the HIV-3 virus. What does matter is he is admitting while healthy, unlike Rock Hudson who announced it as he lay dying, and will work to be the AIDS spokesperson/role model we need. I will not listen to, nor believe any wrestling personality has HIV, until they hold a like press conference, where they too could serve as a role model and source of AIDS-safe information for kids and adults. And were it not for Meltzer starting the kay fabe sheet phenomenon, such press conferences for wrestling just would not be.

Happy to note all the new Cauliflower Alley Members in Lord Al George James Hayes, Juanita Glenda Sapphire Wright, Dave Shultz, Albano, the Briscos, Mike Shaw, our own Jim Cornette, Mr. Stuff Eddie Gilbert, Ken Patera and VINCE MCMAHON. I think our meeting with Vince must've had some effect- he the guy who wouldn't let any worker, even Blassie to the last two CAC Banquets. Last year only announcer Mel Phillips snuck in to enjoy all the golden greats. However, for some reason, Ric Flair was to have been honored prior to joining Titan, and now is scratched off the honorees for the March 21st gathering at Studio City's Sportsman's Lodge honoring instead Debbie Combs, Maurice Vachon, Gene Kiniski, Penny Banner, Danny Hodge, HB Haggarty, Pepper Gomez, Diamond Lil, Donna Christantello and others. The list of presenters is a veritable who's who with Tolos, Lord Blears, Gene LeBell, Cesar Romero, Jack LaLanne, Red Bastien, Destroyer, John Tolos, Toru Tanaka, prez Lou Thesz and many others. Flair would've made it complete- c'mon Vince. In fact, let's have Vince come so all the Cauliflowers don't have to talk behind his back. Finally- they announced Sid as out of Survivors. Bout' time. WCW had a show with an energetic, small house in San Jose. I asked Dave Crockett what should we report the house as, and he said "small," so small it is. BOMBSHELL-in addition to my asking my tv viewers to write directly to Ted Turner to let him know about Herd and Petrick, I ask all who feel as I do to write additionally about Missy and Lady Blossom(Jeannie Adams Clark) not getting their contracts renewed. Jeannie said on 11/8("Mike, don't worry about writing about me in the sheets-thanks for the p.r. But those guys(WCW) think Missy and I look old, and want newer young faces. That's why Madusa will take over as lead female heel personality, with little or no wrestling. I've been talking to Pedicino despite what the sheets say about heat with he and Chris." Jeannie Clark deserves better- they barely ever let her talk and used her as a hood ornament. Dave Crockett(he and Magnum are those who try for WCW) was incensed that the Steiners in L.A.(11/6) forgot to make an appearance for little kids after the Forum show(Abby, Cactus and Sting made the save) and phoned Barnette at 2 AM to get them fired or fined. "They're getting away with a fine, and I'll believe that when I see it." As much as we revere Scott and Ric, there should be fines for tardiness, etc. just like in football for everyone. Abby and Cactus came in for more dental work the 8th, took me to Chinatown for Dim Sum, and then we took in Billy Bathgate and barely made the show. Abby's fav saying is "WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT..." Loved WCW trying to unload their old mags as "the latest..." at spots. And we can kid our own-at my tv show 11/12, we did a "Hook" spoof on Dave Meltzer as all grown-up Peter Pan- the boy who never grew up!

A PIECE OF MY MIND

by Evan Ginzburg

Sometimes I get a warm feeling from reading the sheets. You feel like you're part of a large fraternity that shares your "unusual" hobby, and often opinions and feelings are voiced that echo your own. You look forward to them, they entertain and inform you, and for the brief time your reading, they take you away from the daily routine. On the other hand, I am frequently amazed that so many people give a damn about generic match results, read the same news items and PPV results over and over again, and I wonder just why they're spending so much time predicting the next Wrestlemania match ups six months down the road.

Clearly, I have mixed emotions about wrestling bulletins. Sometimes they even make me a little angry, and just such a thing occurred last issue when one "AR" reader wrote a scathing letter attacking Dr. Mike Lano.

I can honestly say I respect Mike Lano for not only his wrestling knowledge, but as a person too. I believe this reader is way off base when he says that the "wrestling dentist" exposes doctor-patient confidentiality. Dr. Mike has treated almost 50 wrestlers for free the past two years at a personal expense of several thousand dollars. He has mentioned one or two of these men in his columns almost for comical effect (picture Abdullah in a dental chair!), but in no way have these references been exploitive. Nor is there an "I'll scratch your back/you scratch mine" scenario going on. Many of the wrestlers have not been major "names", some are retired, there is little they can do to reciprocate, and that certainly is not Mike's goal for providing these services. He simply LOVES the business and this is his way of giving something back....

I think to a certain extent such a letter indicates a degree of jealousy as Mike appears in many sheets, has a 1-900 line with Chris Cruise (1-900-FUN-9600), and even has started up his own cable tv show, "Canvas Cavity" which has already gone to Australia. He has traveled to Japan, Mexico, and everywhere else imaginable for wrestling, knows many of the guys personally, and lives out the fantasy that some readers have of being a "true insider". Some people that only know him through his writing may feel he is "bragging", about his adventures and contacts, but if you'd know him, you'd realize it's just his expressing excitement over the sport he loves. He told me of "getting chills" upon seeing the original Sheik in Philly, and how upset he is that young readers don't know or care about these legends (as a publisher of a nostalgia sheet I know the feeling--it's a tough sell). He's gone out of his way to help struggling promoters push tickets as well. This is somebody who lives and breathes wrestling, and I thought it was time to comment.

Maybe I can relate to Mike's "bad ink" as I've gotten my share of criticism for "shamelessly" hyping my product and being "over-exposed". Ironically, people have no idea just how much work goes into a sheet and the miniscule amount of money there is in it (with the exception of the big three.). It's literally a labor of love. Lano seems to be drawing some similar heat & I also think it is unfair. Admittedly, there are far superior WRITERS in fandom, but there are not all that many who are true historians like the wrestling dentist, or as passionate about this sport. Maybe it's a simple matter of knowing him personally, and not just reading him, but I can tell you for a fact we're not talking about a "name-dropper", but rather a real supporter of the industry.

And that is a piece of my mind.....

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IT'S MY 2-CENTS

By Mike Terry

The death of Dick the Bruiser at age 62 was a shock. Dick was quite well-known in the Detroit-Toledo area even to this day. Detroit was the scene of Dick's quasi-shoot with Alex Karras in the early 60's. Then around 1980, two top-rated Detroit radio personalities--Jim Johnson and George Baier at WRIF catapulted Dick into cult notoriety. Baier does many character voices. His most successful was Dick the Bruiser. Baier would launch into some hilarious wrestling-style monologues in his best Bruiser-ese; occasionally, "Bruiser" would favor us with a song. Baier and Johnson moved to WLLZ in Detroit in the mid 80s, but even today their program is near the top in the ratings with young males and the Bruiser character is still the most popular. The real Bruiser appeared on several TV spots for the radio station. To this day, many listeners are firmly convinced that it was the real Bruiser appearing daily on the radio.

In 1985, a Detroit cable sports network (PASS) began a weekly wrestling program called: "Bruiser Bedlam" featuring a reluctant Bruiser in the role of co-commentator for the first two years. Reluctant because he really wanted to be in the ring. The TV show continued, featuring mostly local grapplers from Indiana/Ohio/Michigan for the next 4 years. Bruiser "retired" as a color man after the first year or so, but occasionally still came in to "beat the snot" out of the leading bad-guy at the time--mostly Dr. Jerry Graham (Jr.) and the Great Wojo.

Rumor has it Dick did fairly well in real estate in Florida. Some would allege he still had the first dollar he ever made. His payoffs were frugal and until the end of his promotional efforts in Indiana in the early 80s, he still pushed himself as a main eventer. Despite that, there were few who could rile the crowd more than Dick the Bruiser. Few packed more houses in their day. Few caused more riots. Wrestling has lost one of its all-time greats. May he rest in peace.

WCW's committee seems to have made some positive moves--at least moves that are tolerable to hard-core fans. Let's hope these moves will put butts in seats. I've written before about the evolution of the role of wrestling managers in pro wrestling over the past 2 decades and how, in my opinion, managers are nowhere near as strong a force as they were. Therefore, I'm happy to see Paul E. Dangerously return to his managerial role. I hope they allow him to do more than just stand in a corner. Do you recall several months ago how one of the WCW Policies from Hell instructed managers to simply stand in the corner and not detract from the in-ring action?

My vote for Worst Manager of the Year goes to: Frank B. Cruel of South Atlantic Pro Wrestling. Watching him is truly Cruel and Unusual Punishment. The guy's gotta have money invested in the promotion. I can't fathom any other reason to use him. Cruel and Unusual Punishment, take 2: Ox Baker doing solo commentary on IWCCW. Well--he was almost alone. He conversed with "Ox, Jr.," his imaginary friend. It was soooooooo bad, folks.

Watched some Global reruns on ESPN and got my first lengthy exposure to Austin Idol. Do you like his interview style? Does this guy have an ego or what? Turned me off.....but doesn't Terry Gordy look terrific?

Quote of the month: Randy Savage watching Earthquake flex his "muscle" in the ring: "WBF--the future." Vince: "I don't think so."

With all the steroid talk lately, I'm surprised someone hasn't pointed out the American Gladiators as prime offenders.....the Gladiators' traveling road show hit Toledo and Detroit recently. Did good business in Toledo--got lots of radio, TV, and newspaper publicity--just like the WWF first time they hit town after the expansion. The male Gladiators all had to make personal appearances at Value City (an area discount store) locations during the afternoon. "Yeah, kid, Nitro is right over there between the 10W40 and the polyester suit jackets." During the show, there were somewhat long periods required to re-set the arena for the various competitions--the Gladiators did some schtick with the crowd--some well-prepared bits that came off real well.

Spare change: get Madusa some help on her interviews. She's clueless.....congratulations to WCW for managing to move Chicago to Ohio on their card rundown graphics the weekend of Nov. 2.....Congrats to Wade Keller for an excellent annual. Those interviews are priceless.....when the powers-that-be are crying over their declining ratings, one thing they might look at is the number of screw-job endings. People still want to believe their favorites are going to win--but each week they see a few new ways their favorites can get screwed. Screw job endings at the arena are one thing. But on TV--they're bad news.

Hardly seems possible another holiday season is here. Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving and pig out! Hope this 2-cents lasts till next month. Be good, kids.

SCOTT HUDSON'S.....

GEORGIA WRESTLING JOURNAL

THE GLOBAL DOME (Dallas, Texas) 11-15-91. GWF TV TAPINGS FOR AIR THE WEEKENDS OF 11-30-91 AND 12-07-91. GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (11-30-91): Bull Pain over Ben Jordan..Sam Houston over Buster Blackheart..Tug Taylor & Terryt Garvin over Barry Horowitz & Mike Stetson..Mr. Mystery over Tom Davis..GWF MAJOR LEAGUE WRESTLING (12-07-91): Barry Horowitz over Terry Daniels..The Dirty Davis Brothers over Ben Jordan & Rick Garren..GWF MAIN EVENTS (12-07-91): John Tatum & Rod Price over Black Bart & Wild Bill Irwin..Tug Taylor & Terry Garvin over The Dirty Davis Brothers..NEWS AND NOTES: Well, I guess the biggest news would be the forthcoming debut of "Point / Counterpoint" on "GWF Major League". Beginning on the 11-30-91 show, :20 soundbites of Steven DeTruth (Steve Prazak) begin airing with my reaction being the typical "Oh God, no!" stuff. For four weeks, the bites will air ("in four weeks, you fans will see"...etc) leading to a segment called "DeTruth Be Known" which will almost immediately evolve into "Point / Counterpoint". The segment will be much the same as DeTruth and I have done on WUE TV-69 in Atlanta. Incidentally, what will DeTruth do for publicity when "Matwatch" ceases publication in January? DeTruth had more lines of the week than anybody in last week's issue. Seriously, Steve Prazak is a good friend and is also extraordinarily talented. I think that everyone will enjoy the new "Point / Counterpoint"..Bull Pain has looked really good during his initial appearances. This guy has a good look, a good workrate, and is decent on the stick. He should be a big name one day, if he plays his cards right. Samantha, his wife and valet, is also very effective..The Mr. Mystery on the 11-30 "Major League" show is dressed in a red bodysuit and a yellow hood. As his match with Tom Davis begins, He removes the hood revealing Chaz. Chaz had been "injured" by the Davis' a few weeks back and this was his return match. Expect this feud to blow off with a Terry Garvin, Tug Taylor, & Chaz vs. The Dirty Davis Brothers & The Lightning Kid match somewhere down the road. The win by Barry Horowitz will lead to a new gimmick role for him. Horowitz will become so elated with his victory that he will deem himself to be "The Winner" and demand to be announced as such. Horowitz, who will probably not win again, will continually refer to the videotape of his victory. The way this has been booked is very creative and very well thought-out. Credit my broadcast partner Craig Johnson with this brainstorm. ATT: 800.

OTHER NEWS AND NOTES: There are no World Championship Wrestling results in this issue as the most recent tapings at Center Stage aired on 11-16-91. The next taping was set for 11-20-91, well past Ron "The Slavedriver" Lemieux's deadline..Sugar Ray Lloyd, $\frac{1}{2}$ of The Blazers (for my money, the most underrated team in the Southeast), is running an independant show at Lassiter High School in Marietta on 11-20-91. Lloyd is a former assistant coach at perennial high school football power Valdosta and is currently an assistant coach at, where else, Lassiter. The main event on the show is being billed as Ranger Ross & The Junkyard Dog vs. The Midnight Express with Jim Cornette. Also being advertised are Paul Orndorff, The Nightstalker, Ric Baker, Ronnie P. Gossett, The PYT's, The Blazers, among others. I will attend and report..Thank God Ken Phillips exposed the tavensty of the "PWI Top 500 Wrestlers" list in issue # 147 of Pro Wrestling Torch. To omit Terry Gordy, Owen Hart, Akira Maeda, & Kenta Kobashi from a list of the top 500 active wrestlers (with, for God's sake, Zeus being #500) is perfectly horrible. Peters and Apter have a lot of explaining to do..A Jeff Jarrett turn?! O.K., what's the punchline? While Jarrett is an excellent worker when he wants to be, he is a natural babyface. If Lawler et al can pull this off, they are booking geniuses..By the time this reaches you, the Clash of the Champions will have already aired and the questions surrounding Rick Steamboat's potential debut will have already been answered. My gut feeling is that Steamboat left Titan with such a sour taste in his mouth, he will grit his teeth and return to World Championship Wrestling. If not at this week's Clash, then eventually..The upcoming Survivors Series PPV certainly should live up the lofty reputation of its predecessors. The rumored title change from Hulk Hogan to The Undertaker is tasty and the matches are always well above average. Couple those thoughts with a guaranteed Rockers turn and this should be a good show. The follow-up pay-per-view is another matter altogether. With so much confusion surrounding to actual card, its success or failure will be hard to gauge until its over. Also, where does The Ultimate Warrior fir into either the WWF's or WCW's future, if at all?..Glad to see that WCW is using Mark Bagwell and is not using Awesome Kong. Kong, at least in that gimmick anyway, is worthless..Hogan vs. Flair hits the Omni in January with advance sales already ahead of any previous Titan show in Atlanta..Who is this guy Holyfield is fighting on Friday?!! Later.

THE LAST WORD...

DICK THE BRUISER & GENE ANDERSON
BOTH DIE WITHIN ONE
WEEK?!

God, they are human, aren't they?

Rest in peace.....

CORRESPONDENT'S CORNER

Anderson Arena (UWO)

Anderson, SC

October 27, 1991

Correspondent: Danny Parris

1) Lance Gaylord beat Ranger Ross via DQ in 14:09. Ref saw Ross with a foreign object that Ranger took off of Gaylord and DQ'd him. Dud. 2) Michael Slayer & Mr. Clean over Butcher Bob Blackwell & The Cruiser in 16:57. Danny notes that all four could use a visit to Boris Malenko. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 3) Bambi pinned Judy Martin in 13:35. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 4) Buddy Landell and Bill Mulkey went to a draw. Can't believe they didn't put Buddy over. * 5) Junkyard Dog over Nikita Koloff via DQ in 10:40. JYD has no facial hair and shaved his head bald. But he's still fat. 6) Wahoo McDaniels beat Ivan Koloff in an Indian Strap Match in 9:00. Double juice and Nikita ran in after and the Kolooffs beat on Wahoo until Junkfood made the save. ** ATT: 375

Pittsburgh Civic Arena (WWF)

Pittsburgh, PA

November 1, 1991

Correspondents: John Lanigan & Andy Stowell

1) Skinner reversed a flying body press from Jimmy Snuka to pin him at 12:22. Stowell was chanting "Super-Fried" at Snuka. D- 2) I.R.S. beat Big Boss Man when he hit him with his briefcase at 9:31. C- 3) The Mountie and Davey Boy Smith went to a time limit draw at 18:36. Stowell said, "Bulldog's corn rows even have stretch marks." C 4) Hulk Hogan beat Ric Flair in a reverse decision at 13:17. Jimmy Hart was at ringside with Flair since Heenan is injured. Flair nailed Hulk with an object and scored the pin but agent Tony Garea ran to ringside to inform the ref about the infraction and Ric was dq'd. B 5) El Tito Matador Santana over Hercules with a flying forearm at 10:41. C- 6) Col. Mustafa pinned Jim Neidhart while holding the ropes at 5:55. D+ only because Sheik gets tons of heat in Pitt. John notes that he could face Charles Manson and still hear most of the boos. 7) Animal pinned Earthquake with a schoolboy in 9:39. Hawk no showed so it was a single. Typhoon interfered and bumped into Quake which is where Animal scored the win. C- ATT: 10,000

Cleveland Convention Center (WCW)

Cleveland, OH

November 2, 1991

Correspondent: Larry Engleberry

1) Young Pistols over Ron Cumberland & Scott Summers. 2) Richard Morton and Brad "Aracnaman" Armstrong went to a draw. 3) Bobby Eaton defeated Johnny B. Badd. 4) Dustin Rhodes & Big Josh over Diamond Stud & Steve Austin. 5) Patriots beat Terry Taylor & Tommy Rich. Taylor said in the mic after looking at the dismal crowd, "Like I really want to be here." 6) Van Hammer cradled Arn Anderson. Arn said, "If he won't shake my hand, I guess I'll have to stick the guitar up his ass." 7) Sting beat Abdullah via DQ when Cactus Jack interfered. 8) Lex Luger piledrove Brian Pillman to retain the world title. ATT: 600

Viking Hall (Big Time Wrestling)

Bristol, TN

November 2, 1991

Correspondent: Tim Whitehead

1) Rocky Patterson beat Joe Cazana when the ref stopped the match when Joe legit dislocated his shoulder from a clumsy takedown. -***** 2) Bambi beat Lady X. Bambi is over big but Tim says he has a huge crush on her so he's a little bias. 3) Tim Horner pinned Mighty Yankee. Hottest move was Horner breaking a hold by pulling armpit hair. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 4) Ron Garvin schoolboyed Stan Lane. Lots of heat from Cornette. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 5) Fantastics (Bobby & Jackie Fulton) beat Ivan & Vladimir Koloff in a brawl that lasted 28:00. Vladimir is Nikita look a like. Jackie pinned Ivan. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 6) Tim Horner won a blindfold battle royal. Not much wrestling but kind of funny. Horner packaged Ivan to win. ATT: 250

Charleston Civic Center (WCW)

Charleston, WV

November 3, 1991

Correspondent: Leonard Sims

1) Young Pistols over Ron Cumberland & Scott Summers. 2) Arachnaman pinned Richard Morton. 3) Patriots beat Thomas Rich & Terrence Taylor. 4) Sting over Abby via DQ. 5) Van Hammer pinned Arn Anderson. 6) Bobby Eaton downed Johnny B. Badd. 7) Dustin Rhodes & Big Josh over Steve Austin & Diamond Stud. 8) Lex Luger over Brian Pillman. ATT: 1,000

The Forum (WCW)

Los Angeles, CA

November 6, 1991

Correspondent: Steve Yohe

1) Bobby Eaton pinned Oz. $\frac{3}{4}$ * 2) Van Hammer pinned Terry Taylor and almost broke his shoulder in the process. * 3) Brian Pillman pinned Diamond Stud. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 4) Mr. Hughes pinned Big Josh. $\frac{1}{2}$ * 5) Dustin Rhodes & Steve Austin went to a fifteen minute draw that saw both bleed big time. Best WCW bout Steve saw. (One of the best.) ***** 6) Steiner Brothers over Enforcers when Scott had Arn pinned but ref DQ'd heels when Larry Z. brought a belt into the ring. **7/8

7) Lex Luger beat Bill Kazmeier when Harley distracted Bill and Lex hit him' from behind and pinned him. Lex gets to pin Simmons clean but can't do it to Kazmeier. Please. * $\frac{1}{4}$ * 8) Sting pinned Cactus Jack in a cage match that started good but had a weak finish. **7/8.

American Legion Post 139 (CWF) Tampa, FL November 9, 1991
Correspondent: Shannon Rose

1) Jim Cooper & Paul Sampson over Sonny T. & Rajin Cajun. 2) Dave Johnson beat Mohamed Studd. 3) Tommy Star beat Surgeon General. 4) Black Panther over Ian Weston. 5) Al Perez pinned Jerry Flynn.

Southington High School (ICW) Southington, CT November 9, 1991
Correspondent: Steve Dickinson

1) Ray Oddyssey & Mike Kahlua over Tom Brandi & Chris Candito. 2) Little Louie beat Irish Leprechaun. 3) Joe Savoldi beat Tazmaniac in a non title bout. 4) Ray Odyssey and Tom Brandi went to a draw. 5) Tony Atlas pinned T.D. Madison. 6) Koko Ware defeated Pat Tanaka. ATT: 450.

Providence Civic Center (WWF) Providence, RI November 14, 1991
Correspondent: Louie Fortuna

1) Chris Chavis pinned Skinner with a roll up in 9:20. What an upset. 2) The British Bulldog and I.R.S. went to a twenty minute draw at 17:10. 3) Beverly Brothers over The Rockers in 13:13. Not good at all. Beau pinned Michaels after Blake reversed a roll up with a clothesline. No hint of a turn from Rockers. 4) Mr. Madness beat Jake Roberts with the elbow from the top rope in 5:31. Savage wears no mask or anything. Than why the Mr. Madness sctick. 5) Bret Hart small packaged Barbarian in 14:37. 6) Undertaker beat Big Boss-Man in 9:00 when he got hit with the urn in the best bout of the night. 7) Bushwhackers over Nasty Boys via DQ in 12:41 when the Nasties brought a chair into the ring. ATT: 2,500

Tampa Sportatorium (ICWA) Tampa, FL November 14, 1991
Correspondent: Paul Speigel

1) Coconut Kid beat Mark Star in a loser leaves for thirty days. Star is going to Japan for the FMW tag tourney. 2) Rocky Johnson defeated Sonny King. 3) The Lone Riders beat Kenny Kendall & ? 4) Dick Slater over Hurricane Walker. 5) Pat Tanaka beat Jimmy Backlund in a two out of three falls count anywhere in the building.

Landover Capital Center (WWF) Landover, MD November 16, 1991
Correspondent: Bruce Ginevan

1) Chris Chavis pinned Skinner with a roll up. D 2) Undertaker over British Bulldog. D 3) Nasty Boys defeated Bushwhackers as Luke was pinned by Saggs. F 4) Mr. Madness pinned Jake Roberts with a small package. When Jake tried to leave after the bout, his snake wouldn't let go of the mat. They tried for 5 minutes as the fans laughed at him to get the snake off. They finally succeeded. C 5) Bret Hart pinned Barbarian. C 6) Big Boss Man over I.R.S. D 7) Beverly Brothers beat Rockers as Marty caused Shawn to get pinned and Michaels left him alone in the ring. C ATT: 3,500

LETTERS TO "AR"

Harry Speaks

Does your wrestling promotion need a minister of propaganda? USA Today ran an article about television shows filmed at theme parks. How could the wrestling show be left out of the article? With the crowd booing and cheering on cue and around the park interviews, wrestling was a natural for a park. Was there an oversight on the part of your public relations firm or is USA just giving coverage to Titan.

After watching three days of the Senate hearings the only conclusion I can come to is that there will be very few pro wrestlers nominated for Supreme Court.

Harry White
St. Louis, MO

Havoc

WCW's Halloween Havoc was better than I expected. The best matches were Eaton vs. Taylor, Austin vs. Rhodes, and Luger vs. Simmons. The worst were Kazmeier vs. Oz, Hammer vs. Sommers, and the idiotic "Chamber of Horrors" cage match. The WCW has plenty of good workers, if the federation could just shed its "Herd" mentality and use them properly, instead of burying them in gimmick matches or giving them away to the WWF. I expect that next year we'll see

a "Chamber of Commerce" cage match in which the losing team gets audited by I.R.S. and the winning team gets a Krispy Kreme franchise near Abdullah the Buther's house.

Tim Whitehead
Johnson City, TN

Warhol Fame

Sorry to hear about your "ambush". Sounded like fun. It reminds me of the time in New Haven. When I was taking ring jackets back at an NWA show, Teddy Long approached me and asked me to scream "Peanut head" after he gave me shit about taking good care of the Skyscrapers' robes. Anyways, after I did it, no one heard it and Teddy pretty much flushed the angle when it didn't get any heat. My fifteen minutes of fame Warhol always spoke about.

Steve Dickinson
Beverly, MA

Lano

This is a formal request, asking that you remove Dr. Mike Lano from your staff. You see, there are times when I don't always agree with Lano and times when I'm not left completely satisfied over his article. Don't get me wrong, quite often I do enjoy his work and turn to the next page completely satisfied.. it's just not all the time. Come on Ron, this is the 90's. People don't read newspapers (let alone wrestling sheets) or watch TV in order to think or get stimulated, reassurance is the key. Think about it: Some sociopath goes on a killing spree and murders 22 people in a Quickie Mart and its an "isolated incident", Congress gets caught with its hand in the cookie jar and it's suddenly "cleaning house and giving government back to the people". It's time for wrestling sheetdom to catch up to mainstream media; don't make us use our minds, don't confuse us, make us feel good. Come on Ron, lead the pack. To paraphrase Andy Warhol: "In the future of wrestling newsletters every fan will have their own sheet for fifteen minutes."

George Maranville
Lexington, KY

RL- You lost me on this letter pal and I'm a college grad. What is this with the Andy Warhol bit in the last two letters? Did you two talk? As far as the Lano-O'Connor incident, this is the last you'll hear on the subject: Since I heard about 4-5 people were contacted by Mike to send a letter to "AR" about K.C., I will no longer print letters about the incident pro or con. I would like to think my readers act on their own accord. Knowing Jeff Mullins and Steve Yohe I don't doubt that their words were what they really felt but those are the last ones that will be printed. I can no longer be sure that any letters that have to do with the incident were written with an immediate thought on the subject as soon as it was read. Closed case.

Starrcade '91

Heard Van Hammer pinned Arn Anderson last night in Cleveland with a small package. Why do I bother. Starrcade '91? How about doing it this way. Do the tournament with 12 participants including Rick Steiner, Great Muta, Bobby Eaton, Cactus Jack, Abby, Enforcers, Steve Austin, Dustin Rhodes, Johnny B. Badd, Z-Man, and Ron Simmons. Have heels teamed with faces, etc. and have Muta team with Eaton and win the thing. It would get Muta over as a face plus there couldn't be any bad matches. And there would only be 5 matches with this tourney and it wouldn't be overkill. The top three matches I'd have would be Pillman-Liger, Rick Rude vs. Sting for U.S. belt, and Luger vs. Scott Steiner for the world title. Only 8 matches and it would all be good stuff. I can't see this doing anything terrible. And since Muta & Liger would come for the trip, why not Chono & Hase for an opening dark match? It would be a smart fans dream & it would insure a 1.3 or better buyrate for the show. Rhodes should book this to keep his job and Herd should, well never mind him. But this would be the ultimate show and it would be a super show to get them back on track.

Vin Carolan
Stoughton, MA

RL- It would be a super show, exactly why they won't do it besides the fact that a newsletter reader came up with the idea. What the hell do you know Vinnie?

Editor's Note: I've received quite a few profiles from all of you so what I'll be doing is running them in the order I received them. I'll run a batch in the annual and then I'll run three per issue until I run out so everyone that filled it out will be in at some point. Thanks for your response.

(From page 2)

11/10 in Boston before 7,000 saw Flair pin Piper.....Bully Busick missed a lot of dates recently. He wasn't supposed to be history until Survivors but who knows.....The Inside Edition on the steroid issue aired Friday night. Unfortunately, here locally it was cut into 3 minutes in for a special report on the Gainesville killings so I didn't get to see it. Heard it was pretty good though.....Dick Slater working an IWF date in Leesburg on 11/23 against Chubby Mo Cool.....Kudos to Orlando Sentinel columnist Bill Marx. In his Friday column he talked about the NBA's magazine show "Inside Stuff" being shown on the satellite feed at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings instead of twelve noon. What's on at 12 noon? "Superstars of Wrestling" which has been averaging a 5 rating while the NBA show was doing a 1. Instead of ripping wrestling which is what I cringed in anticipation for, Marx said, "I am not going to argue the merits of wrestling vs. an NBA magazine show. I know wrestling is a big ratings winner. I accept that; you don't have to like wrestling to recognize its appeal. And I don't advocate knocking wrestling off the noon spot.".....Jim Cornette turned down an offer to come to the WWF to manage Flair. Would that have been great or what. If Jim won't go to Titan for that, he'll never sell out. Way to go Corny.....Congrats to Lou Perez who was married this past weekend.....LPWA has a TV taping in Panama City on 12/28. Four girls from the Japanese promotion will be there.....Koko Ware to work some Florida IWCA cards.....Jonnie Stewart skedded for this Thursday's IWCA show in Tampa.....11/10 in Somerville, NJ for ICW saw Koko Ware beat Tony Atlas on a count out and Joe Savoldi pinned Pat Tanaka.....Kevin Sullivan meeting Tommy Star on a CWF card in Tampa on 12/7.....AWF opens up in Asbury Park with Steve Williams vs. Dan Spivey, Nikita Koloff-Paul Orndorff, The Gulf Cartel (Sheik & Sabu) vs. Ron Garvin & Stan Lane, plus lots more. Eddie Gilbert will reform "Hot Stuff International" with Hercules Ayala (told he won't be involved anymore) Tony Anthony, and Nikita. Gilbert, Dutch Mantell, and Sonny Beach will handle the books. Gordon Scozzari is president of this group..... Looking forward to this Tuesday's Clash. On paper it looks like a winner. ...Now that the Pistols have won the U.S. tag belts from the Patriots, can Chip and Todd go back to their barracks and stay there.....Not sure on the status of Kerry Von Erich. He wasn't at any of the tapings and he did that clean job for Undertaker on the syndie. How the mighty have fallen. Imagine how all those Dallas faithful felt when they saw that. Actually heard they were going to turn him heel and team with the other natural disasters. Get it? Tornado. But I think I was duped.....Write this down as the worst team ever put together for a Survivor Series: Berzerker, Busick, Mustafa, & Skinner. Yeeech.....Nope, no steroids in the WWF. Than how do you explain Mike Rotunda's massive biceps now. Must be working with those dumbbells. Oh, I forgot, he don't work with WCW anymore.....Sorry but Nasty Ned Brady did the Repo Man gimmick way better than Barry Darsow.....Bill Otten lent me a bunch of Jap mags recently and after looking through them, there is no man sicker in wrestling than Onita. The guy is certifiable.....11/24 in Daytona there is a Wrestlerock show being promoted by Oliver Humperdink with Bigelow-One Man Gang on top, Kevin Sullivan vs. Al Perez, Pat Tanaka-Jimmy Backlund, and Penelope Paradise vs. A.J. Watson. I'll be there with a live report.... 11/11 in Kissimmee was a show promoted by Jerry Blair with Mulligan vs. Buddy Landell on top. I was told by Chris Qualmann who attended that Budro lost about 20 pounds and looked great. Still into religion I guess as he said, "God Bless You" to Chris about 10 times. They had to have their match early in the card as Mulligan was on work release from prison and had to get back. Is that a hoot or what. Death Row 9427 was also on the card and he threatened Blackjack with, "Next month, Death Row 9427 will be here to kick your butt." Jack's reply, "Next month, prisoner #4389 will be here to take your challenge." Funny thing is, that's probably Mulligan's real prison number.....Family Feud's night time version last week had the IWL vs. The Playboy centerfolds. Never heard of the IWL. Well, it was a brainstorm of Sullivan's to get on the show. On the wrestlers side was Kevin, Gang, Woman, Steve Collins, and Humperdink. Woman looked so good she could have been on the other team.....Dah-Reilly and Tom Burke were pictured in the talk media newspaper Talkers. Hey Dan, did you ask Wade for some kind of advertising fee with that Torch T-shirt?..... Brian Tramel is selling an assortment of wrestling material. Write him for a list at P.O. Box 3494, State University, AR 72467.....Don't believe any card you hear for the 12/3 PPV until they announce it at Survivors. I think Vince is swerving everyone.....By the time you read this we'll know if Steamboat was Dustin's mystery partner at the Clash. Me thinks not but I hope I was wrong.... See ya,

Ron